

According to the 2002 Maryland Equine Census, there were a total of 87,100 horses, mules, donkeys, and burros in the State of Maryland. Light Horse Breeds accounted for about 48 percent of the total, followed by Thoroughbreds with 33 percent of the total. Ponies and Standardbreds each accounted for about 7 percent, followed by draft breeds and mules, donkeys and burros. The value of the equine inventory at the time of the census was a little over \$680 million, putting the average value per animal at about \$7,810. There were a total of 20,200 equine

Inventory

equine

places in the State during the Census. This includes racing, breeding, and all sizes of boarding facilities as well as private residences where horses are being kept for recreational purposes. On these places, there are 38,000 people actively involved with the equine.

These equine operations account for a total of 685,000 acres, of which, 206,000 acres were used primarily for equine related purposes. The value of all equine related assets totaled \$5.2 billion, including the value of the inventory. The value of land, fencing, and buildings made up about 76 percent of the total assets. The value of the inventory accounts for 13 percent and equipment and supplies made up about 11 percent of total reported assets. Equine related expenditures amounted to nearly \$766 million, of which 62 percent were operating expenditures and 38 percent were capital expenditures. There were 8,400 horses sold during the past year with an average value of sales of \$14,196. Less than 100 mules, donkeys and burros were sold.

Number

Results of the 2002 Maryland Equine Census

| Equine associated with the racing indust | ry: | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Standardbreds | | 5,800 | |
| Thoroughbreds | | 28,800 | |
| Other Race Breeds | | 200 | |
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| Equine not associated with the racing ind | lustry: | | |
| Light horses Breeds | | 42,000 | |
| Draft horses Breeds | | 2,200 | |
| Ponies All Breeds | | 5,900 | |
| Donkeys, Mules & Burros | | 2,200 | |
| Donkeys, Mules & Bullos | | 2,200 | |
| Total Equine Inventory | | 87,100 | |
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| Description | Unit | Totals | |
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| Equine Places Acreage & People | | | |
| Number of places having equine | Number | 20,200 | |
| Number of people involved | Number | 38,000 | |
| Total Acreage Reported | Acres | 685,000 | |
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| Acreage used for equine purposes | Acres | 206,000 | |
| Equine Related Assets | | | |
| Value of equine inventory | Thousand Dollars | 680,240 | |
| Value of land, fencing, facilities | Thousand Dollars | 3,956,780 | |
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| Value of equipment and supplies | Thousand Dollars | 552,850 | |
| Equine Sales | | | |
| Horses | | | |
| Number sold | Head | 8,400 | |
| Total value of Sales | Thousand Dollars | 119,250 | |
| Total value of Sales | Thousand Donars | 119,230 | |
| Donkeys, Mules & Burros | | | |
| Number sold | Head | 50 | |
| Total value of sales | Thousand Dollars | 25 | |
| | THOUSAND DONALS | | |